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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

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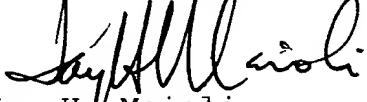
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U.S. patent number 5,675,738 (SUZUKI et al.) relates to a video information server system and to a video information server center and request terminals. A video on demand system enables a home user to obtain any video information he or she desires immediately in real time at his or her request terminal.

PCT international publication number WO 96/3105 (DE VOS, Johan et al.) relates to a system for serving information to one or more end devices or one or more users. This device includes storage medium units for storing information data, devices for receipt of information data, and a managing process that is capable of receiving demand data and outputs distribution control data.

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